

Bethel Presbyterian Church

June 22, 2025



ORDER OF SERVICE

Liturgist: Elder Fredrica Williams

Spiritual Leader: Elder Hernel Braham

The Word: Elder David Roebuck

The Offering: Deacon Babatunde & R. Wright

Organist: Sister Dollie Lowe

Pianist: Brother Jarel Pellew

Scripture Reader 1: Brother Jim Howard

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Chronicles 16:8-12;23

Please stand

Liturgist

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. AMEN.

Opening Hymn: AA#537

“Rejoice O Pure in Heart”

Call to Confession:

Please remain standing

Liturgist

Let each of us confess our sin to God. Please pause in silent reflection with God.....*Pray together the*

Prayer of Confession:

Liturgist

Holy Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord forgive us of our sins., Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Gloria Patria:

Passing of The Peace: “Peace Be With You”

Prayer for Illumination:

Bro. James Howard

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.- Ashe’

Scriptures: Revised Common Lectionary; The Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Year C)

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" - ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Juneteenth Tribute

Liturgist

Hymn of Preparation: AA#565

"More About Jesus"

**The Word
Scripture**

Sermon

**Rev. Tene Howard
Invitation**

Affirmation of Faith

Apostle Creed

Liturgist

I believe in God the Father All Mighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen...Ashe'

CHILDREN CIRCLE:

Liturgist

Messenger: Amen, Ashe'

HYMN: AA#616

"JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN"

Let Us Offer Our Gifts to God

Deacon Babatunde & Brother R. Wright

GIVE

[Bethel Online Giving](#)

Prayer of Dedication

Deacon Babatunde

Dear God. Please Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude. Bless our work on behalf of Your risen son Christ Jesus. May we use these gifts to carry out the work you would have us to do. Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY: (AA) #651 "Praise God"

Announcements:

Bible Study Online 7PM every Thursday Rev Tene Howard & Elder Hernel Braham co-leaders

Join the Zoom Meeting by clicking the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88149636199?pwd=4kOkhRiOxJi3IVM6kZ9pB8UPBddQn.1>

Meeting ID: 881 4963 6199

Passcode: 384421

Audio and standard phone only Call the local number 646 558 8656 US (New York) enter the meeting id and passcode above.

- The BPC Soup Kitchen team continues to plant the seeds of hope in the community where the need is so great. Well done! Volunteers, donations, etc. are welcome, please contact Elder Charlotte Wright.
- The primary election has been settled, now preparation for the November election picks up steam. Get informed about the candidates and be prepared to VOTE.
- Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Sister Judith Horne Johnson. Sister Judith earthly sojourn came to a peaceful close on June 12, 2025.
- Home going services for Sister Dorothy Judith Horne Johnson is in the care of Browns Funeral Home of Plainfield NJ. <https://www.brownsfuneralhome.net/obituaries/Dorothy-Judith-Horne-Johnson?obId=43017297> - /obituaryInfo

VIEWING below

FUNERAL SERVICES 10AM

Friday, June 27, 2025

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Bethel Presbyterian Church

300 East 5th Street

Plainfield, NJ 07060

Final Resting Place

Woodbridge Memorial Gardens

US Highway 1 North

Woodbridge, NJ 07095

THE HYMN OF COMFORT: AA# 563 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Elder Braham

Lifting up in Prayer: Note the "*" represents the need for special prayer, only God knows each and everyone's need

Holy Father we lift up, the sick, grief stricken, homeless, lost jobs, health care, disrupted immigrant families, names we have not called on this list you know their needs Lord and all the many conditions effecting our lives we lift up in prayer to You Holy Father.

Elder David Roebuck, Rev. Tene Howard, *Elder Charlotte Wright, *Yvonne Rutty, *Veronica Bethel, Frank McArthur, Pearl Lowe, Rev. *Dr. Leonard Bethel, Cory, Pius Family, *Rev. Fonda, Tony McArthur, Kevin McArthur, Cousin Janice, *Judith Horne-Johnson, Brenda McArthur-Puckett, *Elaine Young, *Waverly Gaither, *Minette Braham, *Vincent Cookie McArthur, Elder Fredrica family, *Iberia Randolph Family, *Brother Stevie and Dosha McArthur, The Caretakers, Iglesia partners in Christ

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

Closing Hymn: GG# 313

"Lord Make Us More Holy"

BENEDICTION:

Rev Tene Howard